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1. INTERAGENCY INQUIRIES IN RESPONSE TO REFTEL REVEAL
ACTIVE INTEREST IN EXCHANGE OF U.S. AND FRENCH EXPERTS TO
STUDY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. AT THIS EARLY
STAGE U.S. AGENCIES (ITA, EDA, AND CENSUS OF COMMERCE,
ILAB AND ETA OF LABOR, AND STR) WOULD WELCOME THE OPPOR-
TUNITY TO MEET WITH FRENCH TEAM OF EXPERTS DURING ITS VISIT
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TO U.S. NO PERMANENT, FORMAL ARRANGEMENT FOR EXCHANGE OF
INFORMATION IS FORESEEN ALTHOUGH IT IS HOPED THAT THE
EXCHANGES WILL CONTINUE AS LONG AS MUTUALLY DESIRED. U.S.
TEAM TENTATIVELY WOULD INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE
INTERAGENCY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE TASK FORCE
(COMMERCE-LABOR ADJUSTMENT ACTION COMMITTEE). PRELIMINARY
INDICATIONS ARE THAT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON WOULD FOCUS

UPON COMPONENTS OF U.S. TRADE ADJUSTMENT PROGRAM, I.E.,
DIRECT ASSISTANCE TO IMPACTED COMMUNITIES, FIRMS, AND
LABOR FORCES, AS WELL AS STRUCTURAL ADJUSTMENT AID AIMED
AT IMPROVED INDUSTRIAL COMPETITIVENESS. U.S. OFFICIALS

WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE OPPORTUNITY TO BENEFIT FROM EXPERTS'
BRIEFING ON FRANCE'S APPROACH TO THESE PROBLEMS.

2. UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION REGARDING POSSIBLE DATES
OF VISIT, COMPOSITION OF FRENCH TEAM, AND SPECIFIC
PROGRAM TOPICS OF INTEREST, DETAILED SCHEDULE WILL BE
ARRANGED FOR SOMETIME AFTER MID-JULY.

3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY WEIL WILL BE IN PARIS JUNE 26-30
FOR OECD INDUSTRY COMMITTEE MEETING. SHOULD HIS SCHEDULE
PERMIT, MR. WEIL MIGHT BE ABLE TO MEET FRENCH MINISTER OF
INDUSTRY TO DISCUSS EXCHANGES, AS WELL AS OTHER MATTERS OF
MUTUAL INTEREST. SCHEDULING OF SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE
COORDINATED WITH OECD MISSION. VANCE

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